Dental Emergency: Your Tooth Got Knocked Out

Accidents happen when you least expect them. A knocked-out tooth from sports, falls, or unexpected impacts can be shocking and painful. But your immediate response is crucial—quick action could save your tooth and preserve your smile.

Why Every Second Counts

A knocked-out tooth isn't just about appearance—it affects your ability to bite, chew, and speak properly. Without prompt treatment, surrounding teeth may shift into the empty space, creating long-term alignment problems.

The window for successful tooth reimplantation is narrow. Within 30-60 minutes, your chances of saving the tooth are highest. After that, the likelihood drops significantly.

Immediate Action Steps

01

Stay Calm

Take a deep breath. Panicking makes the situation harder to manage and clouds your judgment.

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Find the Tooth

Locate the tooth immediately. Handle it carefully by the crown (white part), never touch the root.

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Rinse Gently

If dirty, rinse briefly with milk or water. Do not scrub or use soap—this can damage delicate root cells.

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Reinsert if Possible

Try placing the tooth back in its socket. Bite gently on clean gauze to hold it in position.

Can't Reinsert? Keep It Alive

Store in Milk

Milk's pH level and nutrients help preserve the tooth's root cells. It's the best storage medium available.

Saline Solution

If milk isn't available, use saline solution or contact lens solution as an alternative.

Never Let It Dry

A dried tooth significantly reduces reimplantation success. Keep it moist at all times.

How SE Calgary Emergency Dentists Save Your Tooth

Professional Treatment Options

- Carefully clean and examine the tooth and socket
- Replant the tooth using proper technique
- Apply a splint to stabilize the tooth during healing
- Prescribe antibiotics to prevent infection
- Provide replacement options if the tooth cannot be saved

Golden Hour Rule

90%

Success Rate

When treated within 30 minutes

50%

Success Rate

When treated within 60 minutes

<20%

Success Rate

When treatment is delayed beyond 2 hours

Time is your most critical factor. The sooner you receive professional care, the better your chances of keeping your natural tooth.

Other Dental Emergencies That Need Immediate Care

Severe Toothache

Unbearable pain that doesn't respond to over-the-counter medication

Cracked or Broken Teeth

Visible damage causing pain or sharp edges cutting your tongue

Dental Abscess

Swelling, pus, or infection around teeth or gums

Lost Crowns or Fillings

Exposing sensitive tooth structure and causing disc

Be Prepared Before Emergency Strikes

Create Your Emergency Plan

- Save emergency dentist contact information in your phone
- Know the location of the nearest dental emergency clinic
- Keep a small emergency dental kit at home and in your car
- Discuss dental insurance emergency coverage

Emergency Kit Essentials: Clean gauze, saline solution, small container with lid, emergency dentist contact card

Why Quick Action Protects Your Overall Health

Prevents Infection

Open wounds in your mouth can become infected quickly, potentially spreading to other parts of your body if left untreated.

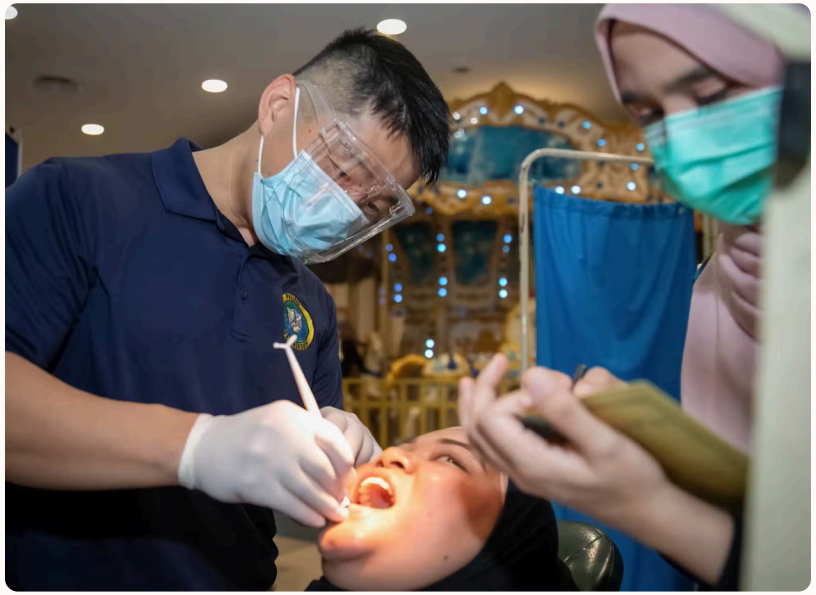
Preserves Natural Tooth

Your natural tooth is always the best option. It maintains proper bite alignment and jaw function better than any replacement.

Saves Money Long-Term

Successful reimplantation costs less than tooth replacement options like implants or bridges, which can cost thousands.

Wolf Willow Orchid Dental: Your SE Calgary Emergency Team



When dental emergencies happen, you need a team that responds quickly with expert care. Wolf Willow Orchid Dental provides immediate attention for knocked-out teeth and all dental emergencies in SE Calgary.

Don't wait - every minute matters. Save our emergency contact information now and take quick action if an accident occurs. Your smile depends on it.

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